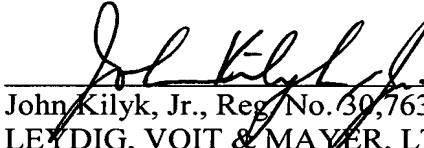


*REMARKS*

The claims have been amended merely to remove the multiple claim dependency of claim 3 and to place claim 8 into dependent form. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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